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FOUR HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN EXPLOSION OF A MAGAZINE

Another Disaster Occurs in the French Navy--Battleship "Jena" is Wrecked While Laying in the Harbor at Toulon.

Main Magazine Explodes First and the Smaller Ones were Blown up Shortly Afterward--Fragments of the Armour, Docks, Superstructure and Small Boats of the Vessel, Mingled With Parts of Human Bodies Sent High Into the Air--Defective Torpedo Caused the Disaster--Fragments of a Shell Thrown Into a Crowd of Spectators and Many Injured--Arsenal May be Wrecked by Bursting Shells.

Toulon, France, March 12.—The explosion in a powder magazine on the French battleship, "Jena," today resulted in the death of 400 officers and men, and the serious injury of 100 more. The battleship was wrecked.

The "Jena" was lying at the arsenal dock within the harbor. While the officers were making the rounds there came a frightful report, followed by others in quick succession. The great plates of the vessel were torn asunder and fragments of armor, decks, superstructure, small boats and mangled human remains were hurled high in the air.

Following the explosion, which wrecked the main magazine, came a succession of lesser ones, as the smaller magazines and torpedoes went up. Terror seized the officers

and the crew and wild scenes were enacted on deck as shock followed shock. Scores of men jumped into the harbor and it is believed many were drowned. The shock of the explosion caused the entire city to tremble. The "Jena" is an armored battleship of 12,602 tons, and carried fifty-eight guns.

The cause of the disastrous explosion was a defective torpedo which was being adjusted in the magazine. This set off the entire magazine.

Scores of bodies were incinerated in the blazing ship which flames and force of the explosion welded into a mass of scrap iron. The rescuers were driven back by the spreading flames. Dozens of injured, who were unable to drag themselves from the vessel burned alive within full view of the people on the dock.

Late this afternoon, while the docks crowded with people watch-

ing the ship burn, a shell exploded on the vessel and fragments of wreckage wounded many. This was followed by another explosion. There is great danger that the Arsenal will be fired by the explosions.

JONES LAW IS UPHELD

Saloons in Ohio are now at the Mercy of the Legislature.

Columbus, O., March 12.—The constitutionality of the Jones local option law was upheld Tuesday by the supreme court in the case from Lucas county.

Anti-Saloon League leaders say this decision puts the saloon business in Ohio completely at the mercy of the legislature.

RESCUED THE BABE

Stranger Saves Infant from Horrible Death at the Father's Hands.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 12.—William Riggs, a well-to-do farmer of Harrisonville Ritchie County, is in jail at that place waiting trial on a charge of extreme cruelty to his sixteen-months-old infant daughter. The case has remarkable features.

Riggs, wishing to rid himself and family of the care of the little tot, on Sunday, it is alleged, carried it into the country, a distance of four miles from his home, and placed it under a church, thinking it would die of starvation or else freeze to death. After the infant had endured the hardships for over 24 hours, on Monday a stranger passing the church heard its weak cries and rescued it from a cruel death. Humane Agent Thomas Coleman, of this city, was notified, brought the infant to Parkersburg last night and placed it in the Children's Home.

Riggs, the father, it is said, has confessed his cruel treatment of the child, saying he wanted to get rid of it. The infant will recover, but is in such a condition that all nails have dropped from its fingers.

JOHNSON IS BRYAN'S MANAGER.

Cleveland, O., March 12.—It developed here today that Tom Johnson has agreed to take charge of the campaign of Bryan for the presidency. Johnson will be to Bryan what Hanna was to McKinley.

HAUGH WILL BE EXECUTED APRIL 6TH

Columbus, O., March 12.—The supreme court this morning affirmed the decision of the lower courts in the case of Albert G. Haugh, fixing the date of execution as April 6th. Haugh was found guilty of killing his father, mother and brother, at Dayton.

PERIER IS DEAD

Former President of France Who Resigned Because of Dreyfus Affair is no More.

Paris, March 12.—Jean Casimir Perier, ex-president of France, died today. He had been ill since October. He was prominent politically during his life, was elected president in 1894, and resigned 1895. His resignation was supposed to be due to the Dreyfus affair.

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Money Missing From Sub-Treasury May Have Been Loaned to a Bank.

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THE NIGHTMARE.



JEROME WINS SIGNAL VICTORY OVER DELMAS

Fierce Legal Battle Fought This Morning and Justice Fitzgerald Rules in Favor of the State in Allowing James C. Smith to Testify.

Stanford White's Brother-in-Law, Who Talked With Thaw Shortly Before the Killing is Placed on the Stand and He is Expected to Give Some Testimony Which will be Damaging to Thaw—Jerome Hopes to Prove Pre-meditation.

New York, March 12.—Jerome since the killing and returned the last time after the state had rested its case. Jerome since then learned how important Smith's testimony is. Smith talked to Thaw on the roof garden, shortly before the killing of White. Jerome declared in court that his testimony would tend to show not only sanity, but the grounds usually presented in making out a case of first degree murder, premeditation.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Fort William, Ont., March 12.—Five people were killed and many hurt in a wreck of the colonist train on the Canadian Pacific railroad near here today. The wreck was the result of a furious snow storm.

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PRESIDENT STOPS ALL JAPANESE LEGISLATION

Sends Message to the California General Assembly Asking That Action on a Proposed Measure be Deferred Until He Can be Heard—Action Postponed Until Next Session.

Sacramento, Cal., March 12.—President Roosevelt has again appealed to the legislature of California to stop all Japanese legislation. The president has sent a telegram to Governor Gillette, urging that the legislature suspend all Japanese legislation and expressing the fear that the action of the senate Saturday in passing the two Japanese bills and a resolution may render ineffective his efforts to secure exclusion of Japanese laborers by friendly agreement with Japan.

The governor transmitted the president's telegram to the assembly where action was to have been taken on the two bills, and the resolution adopted by the senate, with a message recommending and urging that the president's request be acceded to.

On Stanton's motion the assembly by a viva voce vote decided to take no action on the bills on file.

The message is as follows:

"Action of legislature reported in this morning's papers most unfortunate in effect upon my efforts to secure exclusion of Japanese laborers by friendly agreement, and I continued will probably render recent legislation of congress for that purpose ineffective. Please secure suspension of further action until receipt of letter from me."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The action referred to by the president was the passage of the bill limiting the age of children when first entering primary schools to ten years, the measure prepared by the Japanese-Korean Exclusion league submitting the question of Asiatic exclusion to a vote of the people and a resolution protesting against Japanese naturalization.

The message created something of a sensation in the lower house. Grove L. Johnson arose, expressed his confidence in the governor and president, believed the matter should be left to them and moved that it be the sense of the assembly that no action be taken on the Japanese question at this session.

The motion was carried.

EIGHT HUSBANDS

Wanted by a Father and He Offers Thousand Dollars for Each.

Pocatello, Idaho, March 12.—Edward Slack, a middle-aged widower, living near Elba, southwest of here, who has made a considerable fortune in mining operations in Idaho and Montana, offers to give \$1,000 each to the men who marry his eight daughters, none of whom has ever had a husband.

Slack makes his unique offer upon conditions, however, that bar the great majority of marriageable men from aspiring to lead his daughters to the marriage altar. No man will be eligible to marry one of the daughters who was not born west of the Missouri River, and who is not living in Idaho or Montana at the time he makes his proposal of marriage. Nor will any man be eligible who is not between 21 and 40 years of age, who cannot furnish a certificate of good character from the pastor of the church to which he belongs, and who cannot satisfy Mr. Slack beyond all reasonable doubt that he does not smoke or

sent in making out a case of first degree murder, premeditation. In the testimony yesterday, Smith got far enough to say that Thaw was scanning the audience, as if looking for some one. It is believed Smith will say their conversation was about "justifiable homicide."

The entire morning was taken up with the hottest legal battle of the trial and Delmas was defeated. During the morning, Jerome put Dr. Flint on the stand to testify to a visit he is said to have been paid to him by Evelyn and Jack Barrymore, the actor. The defense prevented Flint from testifying but Jerome got what he wanted, as the inference that Evelyn and Barrymore sought the doctor's advice, was before the jury.

Thaw made this statement concerning the groundless story that relatives desired him separated from his wife. "The public understands there is animus behind the false reports."

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Slack says he has laid by \$9,000 to be given his sons-in-law, and that each of them will be given \$1,000 on his wedding day. The daughters are Western-bred girls and the oldest is 37 years of age. They are regarded as attractive.

FIFTEEN GREEK LABORERS ARE DROWNED

Redding, Cal., March 12.—Twenty-four Greek laborers started to cross the Sacramento river in a boat at Pitt Monday afternoon.

The boat capsized and 15 of the men were drowned. Four bodies have been recovered.

The men were employed by the New Delmar-Pitt road.

POSTOFFICE SAFE BLOWN BY ROBBERS

Morenci, Mich., March 12.—The post office safe was blown and \$300 in money taken. The Toledo police have been warned to look for the robbers.

VAULTS WRECKED; NO BOOTY SECURED

Hunnewell, Kansas, March 12.—The vaults of the Union Savings bank were wrecked this morning by dynamite. The robbers were detected before they secured the money.

MORGAN HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT

He Goes to Washington to Try to Induce Roosevelt to Let Up on Corporations, Especially the Railroads and to Thus Restore Public Confidence.

Washington, March 12.—J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, came to Washington in his private car last night and went immediately to the White House, where he was in conference with President Roosevelt for more than two hours. The object of Mr. Morgan's visit was to urge the President to take some action to "allay the public anxiety now threatening to obstruct railroad investments and construction."

Mr. Morgan pointed out to the president that the financial interests of the country are greatly alarmed at the attitude of the administration toward corporations and particularly the railroads.

At Mr. Morgan's earnest request President Roosevelt has agreed to have a conference with four leading railroad presidents, Messrs. McCrea, of the Pennsylvania, Newman of the New York Central, Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and Hughitt of the Chicago and Northwestern, to determine if some agreement can be reached as to the relations between the railroads and the administration. It is probable that E. H. Harriman, head of the Harriman lines, may also participate in the conference, which, it is understood, will take place at the White House some time the latter part of the week.

After boarding his train shortly after midnight to return to New York, Mr. Morgan dictated the following statement:

"At the request of many business men, before leaving for Europe, I came to Washington to see the president to discuss the present business situation, particularly as affecting the railroads. I suggested to the president that it would be greatly in the public interest if he would see Mr. McCrea, Mr. Newman, Mr. Mellen and Mr. Hughitt and confer with them as to what steps might be taken to allay the public anxiety now threatening to obstruct railroad investments and construction so much needed and especially to allay the public anxiety as to the relations between the railroads and the government. The president said he

would be glad to see the gentleman named."

B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, who had an interview with President Roosevelt and members of the interstate commerce commission regarding the railroad situation, told President Roosevelt that the agitation and legislation in various states regarding two cent fares and the reduction in freight rates have made it almost impossible for the railroads to negotiate loans on their securities. He declared that the railroad men are willing that the supervision of the railroads be centralized in the national government.

"That," he added, "would restore confidence and give the president to understand that the railroads wish to observe the laws, and it would stop the hostile legislation in various states."

Washington, March 12.—Morgan's visit to the White House and the conference of President Roosevelt with railroad presidents McCrea, Newman, Mellen, and Hughitt, Thursday, are the sensations here. The general opinion is that the railroad presidents are coming on their knees.

The recent stock panic in Wall street is attributed principally to the investigation of Harriman and this investigation is attributed to Roosevelt. Harriman exposures made it difficult for the railroads to borrow money. Roosevelt's activities in railway reforms came when nearly every big system is after money. Trouble in raising money is one thing which led Harriman to call on Roosevelt.

It is reported that Roosevelt was ready to give attention to what the railroad people had to say. Roosevelt wanted to be shown. The railroad magnates will try to demonstrate. It is also reported that Roosevelt wants congress to give the Interstate Commerce Commission control over increase stock and bond issues, but the railroads will probably object.